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ACOUSTIC SIGNAL RECEPTION APPARATUS AND METHODS
THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 11, 2011 was first cited in any communication (see the attached copy of the Japanese Office Action dated November 24, 2010, which issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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